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Wrestlers win 1,000th!

Team sets historic mark
with victory over Bethalto

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

No high school in America ever achieved what Granite City wrestlers did Tuesday night. Granite City bounced Bethalto Civic Memorial 42-18 Tuesday night, giving the Warriors the 1998 wrestling regional championship and giving the program its 1,000th career dual meet victory.

"It's a big accomplishment," beamed GCHS coach Mike Garland as local television video cameras hummed and radio audio tapes rolled. "It's great to be a part of this, and I feel privileged and tickled for the kids."

"I'm very proud of these kids. I'm proud to be a part of this program. I wrestled here in the late '60s, early '70s. I was an assistant coach here in the '80s. And now, I've been head coach for the last 11 years. It's an honor. It's a dream, to experience this tonight. This is for all the coaches, wrestlers and fans of the past 64 years."

The Warriors started slowly, fall-

ing behind Bethalto 9-3 before seizing control of the meet with four straight wins to take a 21-9 lead. They were never challenged thereafter.

As the historic win became more of a reality with the Warriors' point totals steadily mounting, emotions on the bench and in the packed stands grew to a fever pitch.

No one missed the significance of what was happening as the team achieved something no other wrestling team in the country has ever accomplished.

Certainly not the wrestlers themselves.

"This means a lot to us and to all the past wrestlers and coaches," said senior 152-pounder Jonas Janek. "It's a great feeling. We were wrestling tonight for a lot of people who went before us. It's nice to have four years here undefeated, but it's even greater to be part of this evening. It is such a great feeling to be a part of the tradition and to be a part of the team that got the 1,000th win."

The Granite City fans exploded in



Granite City 171-pound wrestler George Kirgan, left, leads his teammates on the bench as they cheer for fellow Warrior Matt Werner in his 135-pound class bout with Civic Memorial's Chih Lane.

a thunderous and prolonged ovation when GCHS Athletic Director Jerry McKeon presented coach Garland with a plaque recognizing the program's unprecedented accomplish-

ment. "It's a great feeling, but you can't help thinking about all the people who came before you," said assistant coach Allen Kirgan. "We were

teaching the our kids were wrestling, for everyone who ever put on a Granite City uniform."

For more on the wrestlers' win, see page 1B.



The last sale — Area farmers, businessmen and others gathered at the old National Stockyards last week for an auction featuring a variety of items left over from the Stockyards. See more photos and story on People, Page 1C.

Toll collectors robbed again

Armed robbery is second
in two weeks on bridge

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The second armed robbery at the McKinley Bridge in two weeks has city officials concerned about the safety of toll collectors.

At about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, a man armed with a semi-automatic handgun took approximately \$145 in cash from a toll collector.

Last week, a man who displayed a weapon took about \$80.

"It's not that they're getting away with a lot of money, but I'm getting concerned about the safety factor," said Mayor Tyrone Echols.

Other city officials, including Police Chief James Newsome, said that if the toll collectors continue to be robbed, someone will eventually get hurt.

Echols said the city is considering using security guards and installing more lighting in the toll plaza to deter would-be robbers.

"I'm getting very uneasy," he said.

In the latest incident, a toll collector said that three men in an older model four-door, burgundy Lincoln with Missouri plates pulled up to the toll booth.

The driver got out, displayed a handgun, and grabbed \$145.

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By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Tommy Tedesco and Matt Dittman were riding high after they and the rest of Coolidge Middle School thought they had won the student council election in the fall.

Instead, their honesty about the election results has garnered the 13-year-olds an unexpected and large amount of national attention.

"We were announced the winners over the intercom," Tommy said. He was given the election results to go over at home before the dance where they would celebrate their victory. However, Tommy discovered a mistake. He and Matt did not win after all.

Tommy told his parents and then called his teacher adviser, who said she would take care of it. She told him to go to the dance and have fun.

At the dance Tommy and Matt congratulated the real winners.

"I didn't expect it," Matt said. "I



Matt Dittman



Tommy Tedesco

expected it to blow over, but it didn't. It surprised me, just because Tommy told the truth," he said.

Newspapers, television stations and

national programs have all taken note of Tommy and Matt. Charles Osgood, a CBS commentator, featured the two in a recent "Osgood File" on KMOX-AM 1120.

And now, the Tonight Show with Jay Leno has expressed an interest in the 8th grade pair.

"We're just waiting for (Leno) to say 'OK,'" Tommy said.

"I could expect (the attention) in school, but nationwide. That's just strange," Matt said.

Tuesday, the Granite City Council and Mayor Ron Selph plan to recognize Tommy and Matt at the regular

council meeting. The two will be presented with the Civic Pride Award. The council meets at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Their peers think all the attention "is pretty cool, just because of the way we've been handling things," Tommy said.

"At first, they were, like, 'just burn (the results) and throw it away,'" Matt said. "But now they're just cheering us on."

The boys say some credit for their honesty comes from their parents, Tim and Debbie Tedesco and Jim and Janice Dittman, all of Granite City.

Tommy said he credits his parents "and that would go back to my grandparents."

Carol Hornback, school counselor, said everyone at Coolidge is very proud of the two boys, who have been friends since they were in preschool.

"We're proud they're a couple of ours," she said. "And we're especial"

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IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

This column compiled by staff writer Scott Kelly from the Press-Record's files.

50 YEARS AGO

A growing crisis in the Granite City Township relief situation was dealt with when a group of grocers meeting with township officials and a committee of relief clients agreed to advance this week's food supply without a guarantee of payment.

The act brought relief rations back to the normal amount for two weeks. However, the aid was temporary. Also, the state was expected to cut some families off relief, because some communities were not making full use of jobs in WPA projects in the area.

25 YEARS AGO

The extension of Maryville Road through Granite City and around the eastern edge of the city was to be built during the construction season of 1974, if planning and funding follow normal procedures, Granite City Council members were told Feb. 5.

The council was also informed the State Department of Transportation approved contracts with C. H. Sternberg and Co. of Granite City for improvement of Johnson Road from Franklin Avenue to Lindell Boulevard, and also from Lindell to Pontoon Road.

10 YEARS AGO

More than 350 people braved a 5-inch snow-fall Feb. 10 to hear the Great Congressional Debate for the 21st District seat. Present for the debate were rivals Steve Maragides, Jerry Costello, Mike Mansfield and Pete Fields. Allied on most issues, no winner emerged from the Democrats vying to replace retiring Rep. Mel Price. The hottest argument was between Costello and Fields over a report that said Costello was involved in selecting 20th Judicial District judges.

5 YEARS AGO

Property annexed into Granite City since March 18, 1988 was not automatically annexed into Granite City Township, according to Appellate Judge Charles Chapman.

However, the city and township could continue to share elected officials under Chapman's opinion.

A private company was looking at eastern Madison County as a possible site for a \$5 million recycling plant.

Representatives of Waste Diversion Inc. were expected to meet with Madison County officials about possibly putting the plant and its 35 to 40 jobs near Alhambra.

Store interested in moving to city

Council rezones area along McCambridge for commercial use

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A convenience store chain is showing "great" interest in locating in the city of Madison, city officials said.

The City Council also took steps to rezone much of the area along McCambridge to business use.

At Tuesday's meeting the council approved ordinances declaring several city-owned properties surplus so they could be appraised and sold.

Those lots are at the intersections of Third Street and McCambridge, Fourth Street and Madison Avenue, and Second Street and Madison Avenue.

Mayor John Hamm said Casey's General Store has expressed interest in building in the city, and also in Granite City.

"They are showing considerable interest in the property," he said.

Company officials could not be reached for comment.

The city has been aggressively buying abandoned and derelict properties and razing buildings throughout the city.

The council also approved asking the Zoning Board to consider changing the zoning along both sides of McCambridge from Second Street to the Granite City limits to B-2 community business district.

MADISON

The council also approved placing signs on each of the properties indicating they are for sale. That came at the request of Alderman Norris Horton.

In other economic development news, the council also approved a resolution allowing the transfer of right-of-way easements involving improvements at Maverick Transportation Inc.

As part of a \$500,000 expansion at the company, the entrance to that and adjoining businesses is being moved to the intersection of Harrison and Illinois 203.

The improvements will include subdividing the 20-acre site to allow eight parcels for other commercial development, and a 6,000-square-foot truck washing and repair facility.

The council also accepted a redevelopment plan for Gateway National Golf Links, and approved negotiations of the final plan.

The \$5 million golf course development was recently included in an expanded tax increment financing district.

As part of the TIF, developers must submit a plan.

Plans for the rest of the expanded TIF must be submitted next month.

Old trees make way for building

By Paul Mackie
Telegraph staff writer

With Mike's Place tavern slated for demolition in the middle of this month, there are plenty of changes going on near the Covered Bridge on the north side of South Main Street in Glen Carbon.

Area motorists have possibly noticed the area between Mike's and Meridian Road to be more spacious than usual.

Several trees have been cut down in the past week.

"This is just the first step in the process (on the property)," said Mayor Ron Foster. "We all hate to see trees removed, but they were all very diseased and old. They also would've interfered with the building site."

Foster hopes a new business will be located at the lot on 198 S. Main St., with a park-like setting between a new building and Judy Creek.

NEWS BRIEFS

Granite City

JAYCEES: The Granite City Junior Chamber of Commerce is holding a membership night from 6 p.m. to midnight Feb. 21 at 4225 Old Alton Road in Granite City.

The membership night is for prospective members for the largest organization in the world for training young leaders ages 21 to 40.

An \$5 admission fee includes a lasagna dinner, refreshments and entertainment. The program starts at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 and entertainment starting at 8.

RSVP to Jon Soles, Charter president, 677-4250. Leave name, age and number attending.

BLOOD DRIVES: Additional American Red Cross Tri-City Chapter blood drives in February include the following:

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Feb. 12, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Weisman Room.

1:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, Charles Melvin Price Support Center, building 104-Auditorium.

2 to 6 p.m. Feb. 23, Elks Lodge, 4801 Maryville Road.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110

pounds and feel good on the day of donation. In Illinois, those 16 years old may donate with a signed parental permission slip. For more information, call the Tri-City Chapter at 452-7184.

Nameoki Township

VOTER REGISTRATION: Anyone needing to register to vote should do so by Feb. 17. To register, call Heleen Hawkins, town clerk, or the township office at 931-1230 or call Hawkins at 797-009.

To be eligible, prospective voters must be 18 years or older, live at present address for at least 30 days and be a citizen of the United States.

Also, any qualified elector of Nameoki Township who has registered and is expected to be absent from the county or because of physical incapacity will be unable to be present at the polls on election day may vote by absentee ballot at the township office, 4250 Highway 162. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Robbery

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in bills from the collector.

The car then sped across the bridge.

In the Feb. 2 incident, a toll collector said he was standing in his booth at about 2:15 a.m. when two men in a green car pulled up.

The driver, who was wearing a mask, pulled a handgun, handed over a bag and demanded money.

The toll collector said he became nervous and dropped the bag, but handed over the money. The driver then left westbound across the bridge.

The toll booth collector told police that as the driver was leaving, it appeared the handgun he used might have been fake.

Newsome said police are reviewing security camera tapes.

Honesty

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ly grateful to them. They are the next generation and they'll be prepared and suitable to take over."

Both Tommy and Matt are considering running for student council again, when they enter high school. Right now, both are involved with the science club. Tommy wrestles, and Matt has just finished the basketball season and said he will probably go out for football.

"I hope these boys serve as role models for the rest of us," Hornback said.

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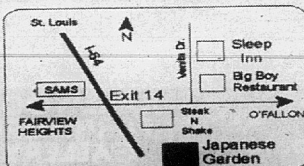
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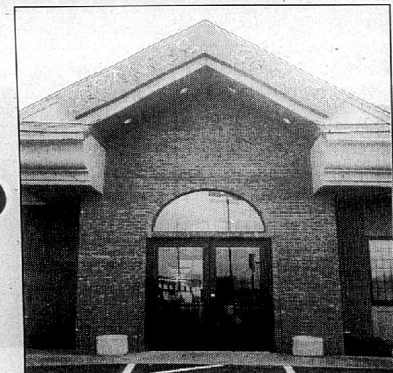
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FUNERAL SUMMARY

Mary Jane Bousman

MARY JANE (MCMAH) LOVE-BOUSMAN, 71, of Granite City, died at 4:15 p.m. on Jan. 25, 1998, at her residence.

Visitation was Friday, Jan. 30, at Irwin Chapel on Maryville Road in Granite City. The remains were cremated.

Shirley Flinn

SHIRLEY (VICKERY) FLINN, 57, of New Douglas, Fla., died at 6:30 a.m. on Feb. 2, 1998.

Services were held on Friday, Feb. 6, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, with Rev. Jim Black officiating. Services concluded at Oaklawn Cemetery in Batesville Ark.

Davis Funeral Home made the arrangements.

Harry Frauenfelder

HARRY J. FRAUENFELDER of Caseyville died Sunday, Feb. 8, 1998, at his residence.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 13, at the Catholic Church in Caseyville. Services will conclude at Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Zelda Gledeman

ZELDA M. (TOLBERT) GLEDAMAN, 83, of Fairview Heights died Thursday, Feb. 5, 1998, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. She was born April 13, 1914, in Shoshone, Ill.

Services were Monday, Feb. 9, at St. Mary's Mortuary Chapel in Fairview Heights with the Rev. James Jansen officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorials may be made to hospice of Southern Illinois Inc.

Thomas Goodrich

THOMAS J. GOODRICH, 75, of Granite City, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. Services were Monday, Feb. 9, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, with Rev. Bill Fisher officiating. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials can be made to Holy Family Masses.

Marybeth Gordon

MARYBETH GORDON, 45, of Granite City died at 11:50 a.m. on Feb. 8, 1998, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

Services will be 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. Carrie Cullen officiating. Cremation will follow the service.

Memorials can be made to ECHO.

Evelyn Grolmes

EVELYN F. (JOHNSON) GROLMES, 82, of Granite City, died at 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 7, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 10, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Lieber officiating. Services concluded at Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville. Memorials can be made to St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Davis Funeral Home made the arrangements.

Gladys Hutson

MARY (VERNE) MCGHAY, 80, of Madison, died at 5:35 a.m., on Feb. 6, 1998, in Waterloo.

Services were Monday, Feb. 9, at Irwin Chapel, with Mr. Joe Larsen officiating. Services concluded at Union Cemetery in Panama, Ill.

Memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Assn.

Elizabeth Lloyd

ELIZABETH O. (BENEDICT) LLOYD, 75, of Granite City, died at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Her remains were cremated and the family suggested memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 4440 Manchester Rd., Suite 104, St. Louis, Mo. 63119. Davis Funeral Home made the arrangements.

Mary McGhay

MARY (VERNE) MCGHAY, 80, of Madison, died at 5:35 a.m., on Feb. 6, 1998, in Waterloo.

Services were Monday, Feb. 9, at Irwin Chapel, with Mr. Joe Larsen officiating. Services concluded at Union Cemetery in Panama, Ill.

Memorials can be made to Holy Family Masses.

Clyde Mayfield

CYDE (MCKINNEY) MAYFIELD, 53, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 1998, at her home in Reed Springs, Mo.

Services were Monday, Feb. 9, at Mercer Mortuary. Burial was in Sunset Hills Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the Clyde Mayfield Memorial Scholarship Fund or to the Eastern Star Scholarship Fund.

Patricia Moreland

PATRICIA D. MORELAND, 41, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born Dec. 9, 1956, in Chicago.

There were no services. Werner Chapel made the arrangements. Memorials can be made to the family.

Charles Morgan

CHARLES S. MORGAN, 74, of Cahokia died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. He was born Feb. 11, 1923, in Belleville.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 7, at Brook Colonial Funeral Home in Cahokia. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Fairview Heights.

Daisy Pick

DAISY O. PICK, 103, of Maryville died at 12:10 p.m. Jan. 31, 1998, at Maryville Manor Nursing Home.

There were no services. The body was donated to Washington University School of Medicine for medical study.

Memorials should be made to the educational institution of the donor's choice. Laughlin Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Don Pomeroy

DON POMEROY, 70, of Aurora, Ill., died Jan. 1, 1998, in Aurora.

Services were in Aurora.

Mildred Roney

MILDRED (HEDRICK) RONEY, 87, of Edwardsville died at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, 1998, at Edwardsville Care Center East.

Services were Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Lactate Christian Church in Edwardsville, with Rev. Jim Johnston officiating. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials can be made to Lactate Christian Church. Weber Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Jean Ruemmler

JEAN (SCHULTZ) RUEMMLER, 75, of Edwardsville died Saturday, Feb. 7, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born July 28, 1922, in Salem, Mo.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, where burial will follow.

Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

Jesse Schirmer Sr.

JESSE A. SCHIRMER SR., 81, of Ponton Beach, died at 1:40 p.m., Feb. 8, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Services were Monday, Feb. 9, at Werner Chapel in Granite City. Services concluded at St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials can be made to the American Lung Association.

Clifford Yarbrough

SGT. CLIFFORD T. YARBROUGH, 78, of Granite City, died at 5:20 a.m. Feb. 9, 1998, in Granite City.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, at Irwin Chapel, with Rev. Francis Tebanura. Services will conclude at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the American Lung Association.

Raymond Kirksey

RAYMOND L. KIRKSEY, 78, of Granite City died at 4:47 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 1998, at Alton Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Kirksey was born on June 12, 1919, in Collinsville. He had worked as a press operator with Union Star.

Survivors include one sister, Lorrie Whitsett of Los Angeles. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Etie (Pickman) Kirksey; and four brothers, Louis, Frank, Kenneth and Virgil Kirksey.

Funeral services were Thursday, Feb. 5, at Thomas Chapel with the Rev. Greg Dicherman officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill.

Memorials can be made to the Heart Association.

Marie Tessari

MARIA (COVRE) TESSARI, 93, of Granite City died at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Mrs. Tessari was born in Italy, 1905, in Austria. She had worked as a housekeeper at St. Elizabeth Hospital, and was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Holy Family of Baltimore.

Survivors include two nephews, Peter and Franco Rul of Frankfurt, Germany; six grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Antonio Tessari; her parents, Franjo and Palmira (Covre) Rul; and two foster daughters, Caroline (Pilon) Sanders and Mary (Pilon) Zivich.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Thomas Mortuary.

Funeral services will be 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. Tom Wise officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Robert Wallace

ROBERT L. WALLACE, of Edwardsville died Monday, 9, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Survivors include his parents, William and Jessica (Clinton) Wallace; one brother, Christopher Wallace of Granite City; and grandparents, Bobby and Nancy Wallace and Joyce Marris, all of Granite City.

Visitation will be 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at Werner Chapel. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at Werner Chapel. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Carole Moutell

CAROLE (MCKINNEY) MOUTELL, 52, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., died after a six-year illness on Saturday, Jan. 10, 1998.

Mrs. Moutell was born Jan. 17, 1946, in Granite City. She had been a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church of Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Wallace; one son, Christopher Wallace of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; and one daughter, Carole Wallace of Cape Girardeau, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Frances Pogorelac; two brothers, Steve Pogorelac and John Pogorelac; and two sisters Catherine and Mary Pogorelac.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Moutell; her mother, Louise (Brooks) Hackney; her daughters, Lisa Hinton of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Lisa Wright of Granite City; and Julie Minch of Grove, Mo.; a brother, James Hackney of Schaumburg, Ill.; Marjorie Devany of Cincinnati; and Janet Whitsett of Orlando, Fla.; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Chapel, with Rev. Gary Brothers, Hubert Roberson and Charles Lance officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park.

George Pulianes

GEORGE PULIANES, died Feb. 1, 1998.

Mr. Pulianes was born on Nov. 23, 1926. He was a retired executive of National Intergroup Inc. and National Steel Corporation. He was active in local hospital boards and chairing fundraisers for the United Way and the Salvation Army and in the Mercy Hospital and American Red Cross. He had been a member of St. Clair Country Club and South Pointe Country Club. He had also served in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Survivors include his wife, Angelina "Jill" (Orsi) Pulianes; two children, Glenn Pulianes of Elkhardt, Ind., and Gail (Jill) Moskoff of Washington, Mo.; four grandchildren, Matthew, Nicholas, Melissa and Daniel; one brother, Alex Pulianes of Baltimore.

Memorial service was held Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in St. Clair, Pa. Contributions may be made to the Division of Cardiology Research, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Thomas Goodrich

THOMAS J. GOODRICH, 75, of Granite City died at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Goodrich was born on Feb. 9, 1922, in Venice. He had been a U.S. Marine in World War II, had worked at Granite City Steel and was a member of Holy Family Church.

Survivors include three children: Ann Jackson of Belleville, Stephen Goodrich of St. Charles, and Joseph Goodrich of Nashville, Tenn.; and one brother, Donald Goodrich of Poon-ton Beach.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorene (Williams) Goodrich; his parents, John and Olga (Schwander) Goodrich; and one brother, James Goodrich.

Services were Monday, Feb. 9, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fisher officiating. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials can be made to Holy Family Masses. Thomas Mortuaries made the arrangements.

Anthony Pogorelac

ANTHONY A. POGORELAC, 83, of Granite City died Saturday, Feb. 7, 1998, at Barnes-Jewish Medical Center in St. Louis.

Mr. Pogorelac was born Jan. 9, 1915, in Madison, Ill. He had worked at American Metal Foundries as a pattern maker. He was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church of Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Gensert of Granite City; and two nieces and nephews; five great-nieces and seven great-nephews.

He was preceded by his parents, Charles and Frances Pogorelac; two brothers, Steve Pogorelac and John Pogorelac; and two sisters Catherine and Mary Pogorelac.

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Services were Tuesday at Holy Family Catholic Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials can be made to Holy Family and Calvary Cemetery Chapel Fund. Thomas Mortuaries Ltd. handled the arrangements.

Marybeth Gordon

MARYBETH GORDON, 45, of Granite City died at 11:50 a.m. on Feb. 8, 1998, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

Ms. Gordon was born on July 14, 1952, in St. Louis. She had been employed as a social worker for the Granite City School District Number 9, and was a member of Central Christian Church.

Survivors include her companion, Dorothy Owsley, and her daughter, Latifa Owsley of Granite City; one brother, Bruce Gordon of Friendsville, Tenn.; and one niece and two nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Marie (Meadows) Gordon.

Services will be 12:30 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 12, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Carrie Cullen officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

Memorials can be made to ECHO.

Jean Ruemmler

JEAN (SCHULTZ) RUEMMLER, 75, of Edwardsville died at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Ruemmler was born July 28, 1922, in Salem, Mo. She was housewife and was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Grogan and Pat Grogan of Edwardsville; one daughter, Charlotte Falek of Granite City; one brother, Harold Schultz of Salem, Mo.; three sisters, Faye Hayman of Salem, Mo.; Marylou Soudreau and Rosalee Thomas; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Ruemmler; and her parents, Ellisworth and Zola (Summers) Schultz.

Services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the graveside, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

William DuBay Sr.

WILLIAM J. DUBAY SR., of Granite City died at 4:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 1998, in Appleton, Minn.

Mr. DuBay was born on Dec. 15, 1915, in Madison. He had been a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church of East St. Louis, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta DuBay; one son, William DuBay; one daughter, Loretta DuBay; and one brother, Walter DuBay.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 12, at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City.

Services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Family Church in Granite City, with the Rev. William Fluttker officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

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THE LAW AND YOU
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Recently a case was decided on appeal in Illinois involving injuries sustained by a driver in an automobile accident. The amount of money recovered by a plaintiff in a case such as this may be related to the actions taken by the injured party following the accident. In this case, the plaintiff was returning to her home from a shopping trip. She noticed that the traffic ahead of her was stopped, so she also pulled to a stop, and a few moments later she was rear-ended by another vehicle. Normally with a rear-end collision resulting in injuries, the plaintiff would be entitled to recover damages. However, the injured plaintiff arguably made several mistakes following this accident.

After the collision, the plaintiff left her car and came over to the defendant to inquire if she was injured. At the time, the plaintiff told the driver who rear-ended her vehicle that she was not hurt. She made a similar statement to the police officer at the scene, and he put this information in his report. The plaintiff's accident, in a case such as this, a party should never make a statement regarding

injuries at the accident scene, since physical problems may not arise until later. Further, the injured plaintiff did not seek medical treatment until one week after the accident, even though she was hurt. In many cases, an insurance company attorney will try to argue to a jury that the plaintiff must not have been seriously hurt in light of the delay in treatment. That is what happened in this case, and it ultimately hurt the plaintiff's case. The injured plaintiff went to an internist, a chiropractor, and an acupuncturist, in an effort to relieve the effects of her injury.

However, she discontinued treatments to visit her son in Arizona. She later resumed treatments when she returned to Illinois, but the several week delay in treatment allowed the defendant's attorney to argue that if the plaintiff was truly injured, she would not leave Illinois and interrupt her treatment.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the jury found in the defendant's favor. This case was affirmed on appeal, and thus an injured driver received nothing in this case.

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AROUND THE AREA

Here's what happened around the Metro East in the past week:

Belleville

Chief: Debris was factor in fire

Accumulated debris, overloaded wiring and the lack of smoke detectors led to the recent deaths of two Belleville women, Carol Lehr, 52, and her mother, Margaret Lehr, 82, died from smoke inhalation early last Tuesday morning when a fire broke out at their home at 1734 N. Church St. The fire started in the basement from overloaded electrical wiring, said Fire Chief Mike Hawthorne.

"There's no other explanation for where the fire started," Hawthorne said. "It's my understanding the two women were in the habit of using space heaters. That's what we've heard."

Hawthorne said accumulated debris hindered firefighters' attempts to gain entry to the home.

"It's my understanding they were not in the habit of throwing anything away," Hawthorne said.

Cahokia

Suggestions would reinvent the Wedge

The Cahokia Association for the Bicentennial and Associate Engineering Services Inc. of Swansea introduced a \$15 million plan last Tuesday for the historic Wedge area.

The area west of the Camp Jackson-Ilinois 3 intersection would feature a 21,000-foot interpretive center and more than 16,000 square feet of stores, shops, restaurants and cafes.

On the Wedge, visitors would walk around a circular path leading to a statue of Chief Pontiac, the American Indian. The plan also calls for converting a 36,000 square-foot building at the vacant Parks College into the Parks Museum of Aeronautics, which would display historical aviation items from 1929-1999.

Woman sues over Beanie Baby snafu

A lawsuit filed against the owners of a Cahokia store is seeking damages for an alleged Beanie Baby swindle. According to a suit filed by attorney Bernard J. Ysura of the

Belleville law firm Cook, Shevlin, Ysura, Brauer & Bartholomew, Sharon Patterson of Dupon paid \$8,000 last April for five orders of Beanie Babies from Thea Moraville at Just For You, a gift shop at 3511 Mississippi Ave. in Cahokia.

The suit states that Moraville knowingly sold Beanie Babies that had been discontinued by Chicago-based manufacturer Ty Inc. and then refused to refund the money.

The suit also states that Moraville lied about the unavailability of the popular stuffed animals.

The suit asks for \$50,000 in damages from Just For You and \$50,000 from Ty Inc.

East St. Louis

Man charged in beating death of grandmother

Toney C. Wilson, 32 of East St. Louis was charged with first-degree murder Friday in the beating death of his grandmother, 66-year-old Alberta Brewer.

Friends and neighbors remembered Brewer as a caring person. She worked with developmentally-disabled children at the Hazel Bend Promise Center and was in the foster grandparent program at Metropolitan Community College.

Police said Brewer returned to her home on North 37th Street at about 11 p.m. last Tuesday after winning an undisclosed amount on the Casino Queen. Brewer was allowing Wilson, who was unemployed, to live with her.

An argument developed and ended with Wilson beating Brewer to death with a crowbar, police said.

East St. Louis Detective Sgt. Lester Anderson said Wilson's rage at being told to leave the house was probably the motive.

Increased security sought at bars

Tavern and nightclub owners in East St. Louis may be increasing their security measures during the early morning hours.

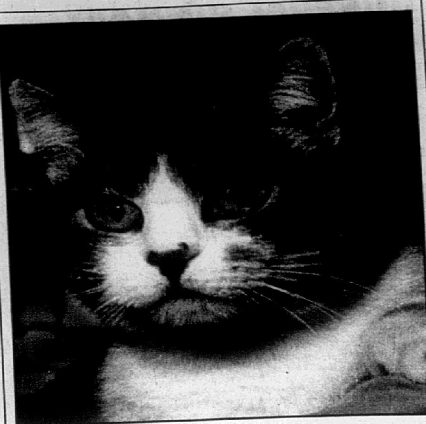
At a public hearing last week, business owners suggested ideas to improve public safety, but opposed an ordinance that would prohibit alcohol sales from 2 to 5 a.m.

"We're not the bad guys," said Cleothus Bell, owner of Stacy's Lounge. "We're only trying to make a living. We're the good guys."

Cecil "Rock" Rockett agreed: "I like going out at 1 or 2 in the morning. If I want to, and I don't want anyone telling me I can't because of some hoodlums."

"You're talking about restricting people," he said. "Restrict criminals."

Councilman Debra Powell proposed the ordinance after several early-morning shootings last month. Many of the incidents involved people from St. Louis, where bars close at 1:30 a.m. and 3 a.m.



JOHN SWISTAK JR. / Press-Record

This is "Bonnie" — Bonnie, a 7-year-old spayed female, is awaiting adoption at the Collinsville Animal Shelter, 298 Simpson Place. She loves the outdoors and would make a good barn cat. Though very sweet and lovable, Bonnie would do best as an only pet. For information on adopting her, call 344-5213.

Club plans event Sunday

The Madison Progressive Women's Club will present "A Step Beyond: Bob Ellison and Charlotte Hart" at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the Venice Recreation Center, 305 Broadway in Venice.

Doors will open at 4:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10 and includes the reception; the event is a scholarship fund-raiser.

For information, call Cynthia A. Crawford at 451-7439 or Joyce B. Crawford at 452-1467.


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My Oh My How Time Does Fly - Andy Winn has now turned five. Happy Birthday and... Happy Valentine's Day!



Love, Mom & Dad

Blood drive set for today

St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City, will sponsor a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in the Jeanman Room.

To become a donor, you must weigh at least 110 pounds and be 17 years old. In Illinois, 16-year-olds may give blood with a signed Red Cross permission form. For more information, call the American Red Cross at 1(800)GIVE-LIFE.

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Pat Heston

GCIS alone at milepost in wrestling universe

It is a fundamental law of astronomy that in our universe the farthest removed bodies are removing themselves the fastest.

One known Quasar — QQ172 — is calculated to be some 26 million light years removed from Earth. And it is moving away from earth at a rate 98 percent the speed of light, picking up speed as it goes.

Granite City High School is such a thing in the wrestling universe.

Tuesday night, in an emotionally charged Memorial Gymnasium, the Warriors went where no wrestling team had ever gone before. They passed the 1,000-victory marker on their 65-year journey through the wrestling universe.

That's looking it. That's traveling at light speed.

The nearest competitor in this race to the far reaches of the universe is approximately 200 wins behind. In wrestling terms, that's a gap of several thousand light years.

The truly wonderful thing about this spectacular journey is that a lot of us were able to go along for the ride.

Even if you're not a Granite City fan, but just stopped by to see history in the making, the sheer thrill of Tuesday night's ride was out of this world.

And if you're one of the long-time Warriors faithful who's logged a lot of miles on the wrestling starship, Tuesday night was the culmination of a starry-eyed dream that once seemed too far away to be measured.

It was a wonderful night, an exciting ride.

Mike Garland, current captain of the starship, is to be praised for his skill in maneuvering his craft through a series of celestial obstacles and keeping the ship on course and his crew's morale high.

The crew itself is to be praised for its devotion to its captain and to the cause, and for its determination to stay the course when others sought to sabotage the journey.

The passengers are to be praised for their commitment to captain, crew and cause, and for their emotional support, without which no such journey could be successful.

What a ride it has been.

And what a ride it will continue to be.

In time, more ships will pass the same marker and others will feel what we have felt. But we were the first. No human eye had ever before seen what we saw Tuesday night.

That is part of the thrill.

Given another 10 to 15 years, another starship will reach the coveted

(See HESTON, Page 3B)

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The ghosts had to be smiling. Granite City did what no other high school in the United States had ever done, and what no other school in America is anywhere close

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to doing. The Warriors won the wrestling program's 1,000th all-time dual meet Tuesday night, blowing past Bethalto Civic Memorial 42-18 for the Class AA regional championship.

Credit the win to Mike Garland and his coaching staff, one of the select crews in the nation. They have fashioned a squad with capacity, confidence and character; a team which, like this steel city, is as fiery as molten metal, as unyielding as iron, as determined as flint.

Credit the win to a team of young wrestlers, who have fought through adversity with their heads held high and with a fierce resolve that refuses to lose.

And credit the win to the ghosts. "There's a lot of history repre-

Granite City defeats Civic Memorial in AA regional championship match

sented here tonight," said 152-pound senior Jonas Janek. "Tonight we were wrestling for 64 years worth of ghosts. There were 64 152-pounders who did this before me. I was wrestling for them, not just for this year's team. We were wrestling for a lot of people who came before us."

George Kirgan, a 171-pound sophomore who won for the 39th time in 40 tries this season, also spoke of the ghosts of wrestling teams past.

"I feel proud to be a part of this team," Kirgan said. "Granite City has an incredible tradition. It's important to us to carry on the tradition, to keep doing what so many before us have done. I'm sorry for all the coaches and wrestlers from the past who couldn't be here tonight, because they are the ones who made this accomplishment possible. This was a win for everybody associated with the program since 1934."

Kevin Venne, a 189-pound junior, spoke with a voice choked with emotion.

"This is a great feeling, an incredible feeling," he said. "To actually be a part of the team that got the 1,000th win is a tremendous honor, especially when you think about all the great wrestlers and coaches who came before you. The tradition is important to us. It's important to us that we carry on the great wrestling tradition of Granite City High School."

Even to a first-time visitor to Memorial Gymnasium, the Warriors tradition was evident on this night. The East wall of the gym was a collage of colorful banners, each listing the name, years coached and career record of each of the wrestling coaches at Granite City High School.

Since 1934, when Bob English coached GCIS to a 5-5 record in the program's inaugural season, Granite

City wrestling teams have been winning meets at a phenomenal clip. An 88 percent clip, to be precise. The Warriors' average annual dual meet record, in this the 65th year of the program's existence, is 15-2. Considering that a Granite City team did not participate in 15 dual meets in a season until 1956, and that only twice prior to 1973 were the Warriors involved in as many as 20 meets in one year, those figures are even more staggering.

What it all translates into is an all-time dual meet record of 1,000-147-10. "One thousand wins in any sport is a tremendous accomplishment. And it's a great feeling just to be a part of this program's incredible history and of the entire experience of this evening. Sometimes, it's like a dream. Hopefully, it's a dream from which I

(See HESTON, Page 3B)

Kelly's loss sparks GC to triumph

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

During Tuesday night's Class AA wrestling regional final at Memorial Gymnasium, Granite City trailed underdog Bethalto Civic Memorial 9-3 after the first four matches.

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But the tide was already turning in the Warriors' favor.

When John Kelly took the state's top ranked 130-pounder, Steve Bryant, into overtime, before losing 4-2 on a reversal at 7:22, which gave the Eagles their six-point lead — it provided the emotional spark the Warriors needed.

Granite City claimed six of the next seven matches on its way to a convincing 42-18 triumph, for dual meet victory No. 1,000 in the school's illustrious wrestling history.

At the time Kelly took the mat for his match with Bryant, many in the packed stands were wondering why coach Mike Garland didn't bump Kelly up a weight class, considering Bryant's dominance of area wrestlers.

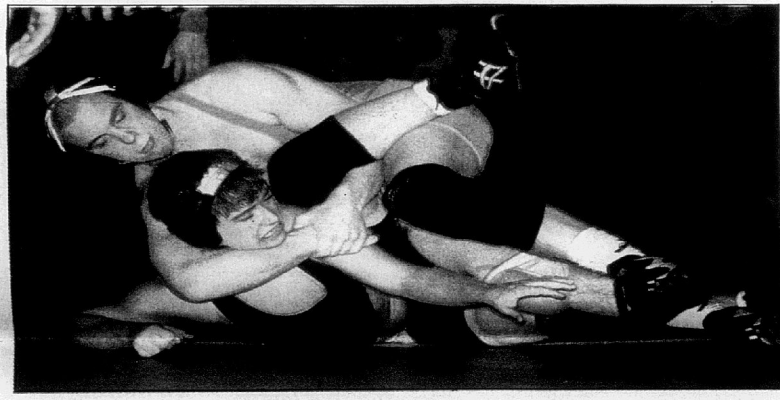
It was a thought that had passed through Garland's mind.

"We thought about bumping Kelly up, and bumping everybody up from 130 all the way to 160," Garland admitted. "But I decided to stay with my sam lineup. It's a guessing game out there, you know, a real chess match. But rather than take a chance, I thought, 'Well, if there's any doubt, stay with your best lineup.' So that's what I did, and it worked out well for us."

After Kelly's emotional loss, Matt Werner drew the Warriors even at 9-9 with a pin of Cohl Lane in 1:30 of the 135-pound match.

Werner's win was followed by Ryan Worthen's 13-9 decision over Josh Brokaw at 140. Brooks Narvaez's 17-0 technical fall win over Logan Sims at

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JOHN FRESI / Press-Record

Granite City's Kevin Venne, top, won by pin against Civic Memorial's Tim Emery during Tuesday night's Class AA regional team final. The Warriors posted a 42-18 triumph.

Class AA Regional Wrestling Results

At Des Moines: Des Moines West 55, Plain Ridge Maine South 15.
At Libertyville: Libertyville 40, Lincolnshire Stevenson 12.
At Hoffman Estates: Hoffman Estates 29, Arlington Heights Hersey 28.
At Winnetka: New Trier, Winnetka New Trier vs. Skokie Miles West (no report from host school).
At New Lenox: New Lenox 39, Plainfield 22.
At South Holland: South Holland 30, Oak Forest 7.
At Rockford East: Rockford East 50, Rockton Hanonaph 15.
At Sycamore: Sycamore 35, DeKalb 21.
At Crystal Lake South: Cary Grove 37, Crystal Lake South 23.
At St. Charles: St. Charles vs. Schaumburg (no report from host school).
At Villa Park: Villa Park 34, Glenbrook North 34, Wheaton North 15.
At Wheaton North: Carol Stream Glenbrook North 34, Wheaton North 15.
At Naperville North: Naperville North 33, Aurora Waukegan Valley 19.
At Mahomet-Seymour: Mahomet-Seymour 50, Mattoon 18.
At Stanford: Stanford 30, Bloomington (no report from host school).
At Moline: Moline 63, East Moline United 3.
At Pekin: Pekin 44, Metamora 22.
At Collinsville: Collinsville 42, Collinsville 30.
At Murphysboro: Murphysboro 43, Mt. Vernon 14.
At Granite City: Granite City 42, Bethalto Civic Memorial 18.
At Chatham: Chatham 32, Chatham 32.
At Chicago Mt. Carmel: Chicago Mt. Carmel 46, Summit Argo 17.
At Orland Park: Orland Park 28, Chicago Marist 21.
At LaGrange Lyons: LaGrange Lyons 56, Maywood Proviso East 17.
At Chicago Gordon Tech: Chicago Gordon Tech vs. Chicago St. Patrick (no report from host school).

Gateway Raceway doles out awards Mollett wins fourth straight title in pro division

Special to the Journal

Winning a championship of any kind is a tough chore. Winning it again is an ever greater accomplishment.

"And the accomplishments of three great bracket drag racers were high-lighted last Saturday night as Gateway International Raceway held its annual Racers Banquet and awards ceremony at the Two Hearts Banquet Center in St. Louis County. Racers were given trophies and jackets, while the Super Pro and Pro leaders divided up a season points fund of \$20,000.

Allen Mollett of Granite City won an unprecedented fourth straight title in the Pro Division in 1997, dominating the category in his Chevrole. He outdistanced the rest of the field by a full 150 points.

"Ever since I was in diapers, I have been at the race track, learning what I needed to learn," said Mollett, a 26-year-old mechanic. "When I started out, it was easy. I had learned so much from so many people, and I guess it's also a gift. For some guys it's baseball, football or hockey. For me, it's drag racing. I'm a racer, and it's what makes me happy. It's really neat to do this."

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Other honorees were Dave Heimbach of Moscow Mills, Mo., who claimed the Pro Bike title for the second straight year, and Andy Hartline of Granite City, who claimed the high school E.T. championships for the second straight season.

Doug Graf of Spanish Lake, Mo., the 1996 Gateway Super Pro champion, took home another major award Saturday, winning the Earl Liverpool Memorial Award as the Sportsman of the Year.

This year's Super Pro title went to Mark Gilliam of Staunton, Ill., who took the title by just eight points (550-542) over Todd Hansen of Imperial, Mo.

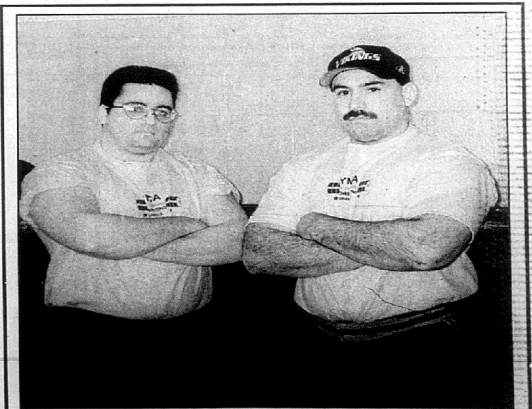
Jason Phillips of Granite City won the Street E.T. title driving "Mom's Mustang." Matt Wolf of Salem, Mo., took home the title in the Junior Dragster category.

Richard Dawdy was the winner of the first Keith Gray Memorial Award, honoring the E.T. Bracket Series employee of the year. The award was named in memory of Gray, longtime Gateway competition director, who died last September. A

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Allen Mollett
Drag racer

tribute to Gray was shown at the banquet, introduced by ESPN commentator and Gateway racer Brett Kepner.



Rick Fowler (left) and Terry Stanley (right) will be competing in the Lifetime Drug Free National Championships this weekend at the Renaissance Hotel in St. Louis. See Page 2B for more on the duo.

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Lifters set for nationals

Rick Fowler and Terry Stanley will be competing in the Lifetime Drug Free National Championships, Saturday and Sunday at the Renaissance Hotel in St. Louis.

Each of the two local lifters plans to accumulate nearly 1,500 pounds of total weight in their lifts.

Fowler will attempt a squat of around 600 pounds while Stanley will attempt a bench press of approximately 400 pounds.

The two lifters are also attempting to raise money to take YMCA teenagers to the Teenage Nationals in Chicago in July. Anyone interested in donating a penny for each pound lifted by either athlete this week, and can call Rick Fowler at 451-9856.

Madison's Baker and among leaders in scoring, steals, 3-pointers, rebounds

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

If the subject is the St. Louis area boys prep basketball leaders, the answer is probably two words: Maurice Baker.

Baker leads the metropolitan area in scoring and steals, ranks second in 3-pointers and is fourth in rebounding.

Baker's average of 28.3 points per game leaves the rest of the field eating his dust. Dupo's Tim Wiechart is next among Metro East players with a 23.5 points per game scoring average, followed by Tony Certa of Alton Marquette (22.1), Tyler Hackett of Oakville (20.8) and Jon Harris of Edwardsville (20.8).

Jason Overbey of Waterloo (20.2) and

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Brian Grasse of Dupo (20.2) are the only other players averaging at least 20 points a game.

Baker's 28.3 average is among the elite marks in the state, and puts the 6-foot Madison High School guard in the select company of such All-Americans as Quentin Richardson of Chicago Whitney Young, Frank Williams of Peoria Manual and Joey Range of Galesburg.

Baker also leads the Metro East with 3.9 steals per game. Chris LaRose of Edwardsville is next at 3.7, followed by teammate Mark Allaire (3.6), Martin Jones of Collinsville Christian (3.1) and

Ralph Holmes of O'Fallon (3.1).

Second only to New Athens' Dan Range in 3-pointers made each game, Baker is averaging 3.3. Range is averaging 3.6. Rounding out the top five are Dwayne Wiley of Lovejoy (3.1), Matt Waters of Alton Marquette (3.0) and Scott Timmerman of Belleville Althoff (2.9).

But Baker's most impressive statistic may be his 10.1 rebounds a game—the fourth-best total in the area. Considering Baker's size, it is amazing to find him on the heels of Harris of Edwardsville and Wiechart of Dupo, and ahead of such skyscrapers as Lincoln's Darius Miles, Gibault's Chris Braun, Lincoln's Terrence Slater and even Granite City's Dustin Brewer.

Harris is the rebound leader (13.9), trailed by Everett Nicholson of Collinsville Christian (12.4), Wiechart (10.9), Baker and Miles (9.8).

Miles is far-and-away the area leader in blocked shots, swiping away field goal attempts at an amazing clip of 7.5 per game. Carlyle's Mike Tyberend is next with a 3.8 average. Then come Wiechart (2.6), Cahokia's DeMarcus Brown (2.5) and Nicholson (2.3).

Milton Dowell of Venice hasn't missed a free throw all year, hitting all nine attempts for a 1.000 percentage. Other area leaders are Craig Ohlau of Chester (929), Ryan Holliday of Belleville East (.923), David Jones of Madison (.900) and Luke Caparate of Chester (.900).

PREP/COLLEGE STANDINGS

METRO EAST HOCKEY

Southern Division			
Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Granite City	6-2	10-2	14
Belleville West	6-0	8-1	14
Althoff	5-0	7-1	14
O'Fallon	4-1	6-2	14
Cahokia	4-1	6-1	14
Collinsville	4-0	5-0	14

Northern Division

Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Edwardsville	7-1	7-2	14
Roxana	7-0	7-0	14
Marquette	6-1	7-2	14
Civic Memorial	4-0	5-0	14
Wood River	1-0	1-0	14
Plaza SW	0-0	0-0	14

GIRLS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference			
Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Edwardsville	10-1	17-5	14
Belleville East	9-2	13-8	14
Collinsville	7-4	12-13	14
Alton	6-5	12-12	14
Belleville West	5-6	5-14	14
Granite City	3-10	3-19	14
E. St. Louis	0-12	1-19	14

Mississippi Valley

Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Jerseyville	7-1	15-7	14
Highland	7-1	15-10	14
Carbondale	6-3	14-5	14
Alton	4-5	9-14	14
Triad	2-7	6-15	14
Waterloo	0-7	6-15	14

Cahokia

Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Carlyle	8-0	23-2	14
Freeburg	6-2	18-8	14
Weslin	5-2	18-5	14
Red Bud	4-2	9-12	14
Lincoln	4-2	10-15	14
Oliver	3-5	9-15	14
Mater Del	3-6	6-16	14
Gibault	1-7	6-17	14
Sparta	0-6	2-15	14

South Seven

Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Monroe	7-0	22-1	14
O'Fallon	7-1	21-1	14
Carbondale	5-3	9-10	14
Centralia	5-4	14-9	14
Cahokia	0-4	0-11	14

South Central

Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Lincoln	7-1	19-4	14
SIUE	5-4	12-10	14
McKendree	5-3	15-6	14
Wood River	0-7	6-12	14

Great Overland Trails

Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Lutheran S.C.	4-0	15-3	14
Orchard Farm	3-1	8-8	14
Metro East	3-3	16-9	14
Westminster	2-2	9-7	14
Silvis	1-1	8-8	14

Independents

Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Lincoln	10-0	23-2	14
Oliver	4-2	9-12	14
Mater Del	3-6	6-16	14
Gibault	1-7	6-17	14
Sparta	0-6	2-15	14
Althoff	0-7	6-17	14
Madison	0-7	6-17	14
Bunker Hill	0-7	6-17	14
Valmeyer	0-7	6-17	14

Women's College

Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Brescia C.	14-2	22-4	14
Highland	18-5	32-2	14
Dupo	17-5	32-2	14
Lepanto	10-5	16-6	14
Carlyle	10-5	16-6	14
Weslin	12-11	23-10	14
McKendree	13-6	24-12	14
Freeburg	3-4	3-3	14
New Athens	0-6	0-6	14
Marissa	0-7	0-7	14

BOYS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference

Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Edwardsville	8-0	18-1	14
Belleville East	6-1	15-2	14
Collinsville	5-3	13-8	14
Alton	5-4	13-9	14

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Independents

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Sioux	4-2	9-12	14
Mater Del	3-6	6-16	14
Lincoln	1-7	6-17	14
Collinsville Christian	0-6	2-15	14
Althoff	0-7	6-17	14
Sparta	0-7	6-17	14
Venice	0-7	6-17	14
Madison	0-7	6-17	14
Okawville	0-7	6-17	14
Valmeyer	0-7	6-17	14
Lovejoy	0-7	6-17	14

Men's College

Team	Conf	Overall	GP
St. McKendree	16-4	21-6	14
St. Louis U.	17-5	21-6	14
Illinois	17-5	21-6	14
SIUE	13-9	17-7	14
Fontbonne	13-9	17-7	14
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Young meets Fenwick on Saturday

City-Suburban Showdown pits Manual vs. New Trier

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

If Chicago Whitney Young coach George Stanton is paying attention to the weekly state polls, he might notice a somewhat unnerving trend.

Lower ranked teams are upsetting higher ranked teams.

That's a bad omen for top-ranked Young, which meets fourth-ranked Oak Park Fenwick in the City-Suburban Showdown in Evanston on Saturday.

Young and Fenwick are the only Illinois teams ranked nationally by USA Today, and the game promises to be one of the best the Prairie State has seen this season.

The Dolphins (17-1) have been ranked No. 1 since the poll's first week and feature perhaps the best player in the state, 6-foot-6 junior Quentin Richardson, who is averaging 29 points and 15 rebounds per game. The Friars (18-1) may argue the point, touting Corey Maggette as Illinois' top prep star.

Though the issue may never be settled, Maggette and Richardson, along with Peoria Manual guard Frank Williams, are all ranked among the top prep players in the nation.

"They have three different personalities," said Van Coleman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, whose business it is to rate the nation's high school hoopers. Richardson is the warrior, Williams is the leader and Maggette is the most talented.

All of them ... rank among the top 10 in the nation."

The Young-Fenwick battle on Saturday may reveal whether Richardson or Maggette is the better player, and the game itself may serve as a preview of the state finals in March.

Peoria Manual will also play in the Showdown, facing Winnetka New Trier. That game had lost some of its luster after the Friars fell 58-51 to Chi-

Here are the top 16 teams in the state-wide Illinois high school boys basketball polls as selected by an Associated Press panel of sportswriters and broadcasters, with first-place votes in parenthesis, records through Sunday and total points (based on 16 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 16th place vote):

Class AA

1. Chicago Whitney Young (19)	17-1	304
2. Peoria Manual	19-2	266
3. Galesburg	20-2	259
4. Oak Park Fenwick	19-1	248
5. Lincoln	17-2	224
6. Rockford Boylan	21-1	197
7. Moline	20-1	186
8. Elgin	21-1	150
9. Chicago King	18-4	124
10. Chicago Farragut	16-4	111
11. Peoria Central	15-4	82
12. Joliet Central	17-4	78
13. Edwardsville	18-1	66
14. Mount Vernon	18-2	54
15. Oak Lawn Richards	20-1	50
16. Quincy	16-4	49

Others receiving votes, in order: Zion-Benton, Country Club Hills Hillcrest, Winnetka New Trier, Des Plaines Maine West, Centralia.

Class A

1. Spring Valley Hall (22)	22-0	368
2. Farmington	21-0	330
3. Chicago Providence St. Mel	20-3	314
4. Nashville	21-1	304
5. Ashland A.C. Central	22-0	258
6. Kewanee	19-3	228
7. Chicago Leo	16-6	189
8. Normal University	17-6	180
9. Burlington Central	19-3	170
10. Marengo	20-2	146
11. Quincy Notre Dame	19-4	139
12. Breese Mater Dei	18-6	113
13. Rock Falls	16-6	71
14. Chicago St. Francis de Sales	13-7	60
15. Nauvoo-Colusa	21-2	48
16. Rockford Christian Life	22-1	36

Others receiving votes, in order: Rock Island Alleman, Fairbury Prairie Central, Harrisburg, Pana, Hillsboro, Nokomis, Breese Central.

cago Farragut and fell out of the top 16.

Young and Manual (18-2) remain 1-2, followed as they were last week by Galesburg (20-2), Fenwick, Lincoln (17-2) and Rockford Boylan (21-1).

Previously unbeaten Elgin (21-1) was stunned 59-56 by Aurora Waubesa Valley and dropped one place to eighth in the pole, as Moline (20-1) climbed above them to seventh.

Rounding out the top 16 were Chicago King (18-4), Chicago Farragut (16-4), Peoria Central (15-4), Joliet Central (17-4), Edwardsville (18-1), Mount Vernon (18-2), newcomer Oak Lawn Richards (20-1) and

Quincy (16-4).

Joliet Central fell three places after stumbling at home to visiting Chicago Heights Bloom 59-57 in overtime.

Small schools

The top 12 positions in the Class A poll remained unchanged from last week with Spring Valley Hall (22-0) holding tight to the top spot, followed by Farmington (21-0), Chicago Providence St. Mel (20-3), Nashville (21-1), Ashland A.C. Central (22-0), Kewanee (19-3), Chicago Leo (16-6), Normal University (17-6), Burlington Central (19-3), Marengo (20-2), Quincy Notre Dame

'They have three different personalities. (Young's Quentin) Richardson is the warrior, (Manual's Frank) Williams is the leader and (Fenwick's Corey) Maggette is the most talented. All of them ... rank among the top 10 in the nation.'

Van Coleman
Basketball scout

(19-4) and Breese Mater Dei (18-6).

Rock Island Alleman, 13th last week, tumbled to 17th with losses to Quincy (58-54) and Quincy Notre Dame (44-38) in Western Big Six Conference action. Pollsters ignored the fact that Pioneers lost to a pair of ranked teams and that they were without the services of starters Dan Coyne-Logan (flu) and Matt Franks (broken wrist).

Moving up in the poll were Rock Falls (16-6) to 13th and Chicago St. Francis de Sales (13-7) to 14th, while Nauvoo-Colusa (21-2) and Rockford Christian Life (22-1) cracked the top 16 for the first time.

Small school regional begin Feb. 23 with several highly regarded teams meeting early on. Nashville and Breese Mater Dei are both in the Mater Dei Regional, while Rock Island Alleman and Rock Falls expected to meet in the Rock Falls Regional.

Possible sectional match-ups loomed on the horizon. Providence St. Mel and St. Francis de Sales could meet in the Westmont Sectional. Quincy Notre Dame and Nauvoo-Colusa are both in the Bushnell Prairie City Sectional. And three teams — Burlington Central, Rockford Christian Life, and Marengo — could all be fighting it out for the Byron Sectional title.

THIS WEEK IN BASKETBALL

Compiled by Patrick C. Heston

Feb. 13
1980 — Des Plaines Maine West won its last of a girls state-record 85 consecutive basketball games, blasting Park Ridge Maine East 73-42 in the regional final.
1987 — Chicago Creiger beat Chicago Juarez 149-91 in a boys basketball game. The 240 combined points in one game is the fourth best total in state history.

Feb. 14
1959 — Lake Zurich made 46 free throws in a boys basketball game against Gurnee Warren.
1975 — Elgin and Aurora West combined to hit 24 consecutive free throws in a boys basketball game.
1992 — In a boys basketball game, neither Kincaid South Fork nor Vaden attempted a free throw.

Feb. 15
1951 — Harvey Babetch of Chicago Von Steuben scored 87 points in a boys basketball game against Chicago Taft. Babetch, who scored 35 points in the fourth quarter alone, had 37 field goals for the game. His 87 points is the third-best one game total in state history.

1980 — Venice lost to St. Louis Central 129-107 in a boys basketball game. Only nine times in Illinois history has a team scored more points and lost.
1985 — In a boys basketball game, Rod Hunt of Ramsey recorded 23 assists in a win over Palooka.
1985 — Chicago Young wasted Chicago Westinghouse 170-22 in a girls basketball game. The margin of victory is the third largest in state history, and the combined 192 points is the fourth-highest one game total in Illinois roundball.

Feb. 16
1974 — Urbana University High School lost its first of 86 consecutive games. The streak, which ended on November 27, 1975, is a state record for futility in boys basketball.

Feb. 17
1956 — Dupo's Glen Graff poured in 75 points against Waterloo in a boys basketball game. Graff's total, far-and-away the tops in the area, is still the sixth-best mark in state history.

1965 — In a boys basketball game, St. Charles and Elgin Lerkin combined to hit 76 of 99 free throws. St. Charles was 44 for 54; Lerkin was 32 for 45.
1970 — Herick's 90-game losing streak in boys basketball ended. The streak had started on February 9, 1965.

1976 — Harvey Thornton won its 1,000th boys basketball game.

1978 — Taylorville won its 1,000th boys basketball game.

1983 — Chicago Marshall's 54-game winning streak ended. The mark is the fifth-longest streak in girls state basketball history.

1984 — Teutopolis won its 1,000th boys basketball game.

1984 — The largest crowd ever to watch a regular season basketball game in Illinois (10,722) saw top-ranked Peoria Manual defeat Pekin 42-41 in a boys basketball game at the Peoria Civic Center.

1989 — Chicago Creiger hit 67 field goals in a boys basketball game against Chicago Juarez.

Feb. 18
1959 — Darius Cunningham of Chicago Carver scored 90 points in a boys basketball game against Chicago Morgan Park. Cunningham had 35 field goals in the night. He scored 44 points in the first half, 46 in the second. His 90 points is the second best total in state history.

1966 — Clay City defeated Summer 136-40 in a boys basketball game.

1983 — Lawrenceville's boys basketball team ended the regular season with a 71-42 rout of Flora. It was the Indiana 59th straight win, moving them past Dorton (thoroughbred to No. 2 on the all-time list. Ron Felling's crew would eventually win a state record 98 games in succession, falling to back-to-back 34-0 state championship seasons in Class A.

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SOCIETY

Volunteer proves caring matters

Superman may be a fictional character, but a reasonable facsimile of superwoman has been discovered at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Sherry Stefanoff, 46, is a volunteer in the Women and Newborn Services area of the hospital and has been donating her time, three days a week, for 13 years totaling more than 6,000 hours.

She normally brings patients water and meals, gets lunches and coffee for staff members and runs errands so that nurses can spend more time caring for their patients. But what she really enjoys is helping expectant mothers in any way she can.

"I am fascinated by newborn

babies and I really like helping mothers who are in labor," Stefanoff said. "I help them breathe, relax and focus."

"We couldn't replace her," said Staff Nurse Cindy Granddier, RN. "She goes in and sees what a patient needs and lets us know. There have been times when she came in and sat with someone in labor who didn't have a support person. It just helps them to have someone to talk to and offer emotional support."

"There's nothing she won't do," said nurse-midwife Karen Baum. "She's never refused to do anything we asked of her. She's always willing to do more."

"When our staff was bigger, we used to have Christmas parties," Baum continued. "Sherry would help organize them, getting food and renting the hall and she did all the



Sherry Stefanoff at work at SEMC.

shopping. We'd have a family that we'd all contribute money for at Christmas and she would talk to them to find out what they needed. Then she'd go out and buy coats for the kids and overalls for dad. She did all the leg work."

So, in a time when everyone seems to be driven by self-fulfillment and material rewards, what drives a person to dedicate a good portion of her life helping others?

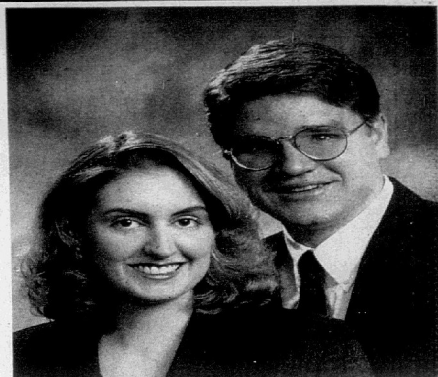
According to Stefanoff, her husband, Samuel, is a supervisor at Granite City Steel and is well paid, so she doesn't have to seek employment. Their daughter Rachel, 27, and Tim, 29, are married with children of their own.

"I worked at my parents' business for a while but found I was really interested in helping people, so I volunteered at St. Elizabeth's."

Volunteering at the hospital has its good times and bad. "I've had patients get so mad they want to fight you while they're in labor," Stefanoff said, "but once that baby comes out they want to hug you and kiss you and they send you cards and thank you very much."

"I get the most satisfaction when a patient thanks me for something I've done," she continued. "Just knowing I made a difference for someone keeps me going."

"She doesn't get paid but if you ask her, she'd probably say she does, but not in money," added Granddier. "It's just important to her."



Sharon Kozjak and James Kistler

Kozjak — Kistler

Sharon Kay Kozjak, the daughter of George and Sharon Kozjak of Granite City, and James Stephen Kistler, the son of Dr. W. David and Marilyn Kistler of St. Louis, have announced their engagement.

Kozjak, of Granite City, is a 1996 graduate of Truman State University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in writing at Illinois State University.

Kistler is a 1992 graduate of Washington University and received a master's degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Princeton University. He is employed as a design engineer by Nortyne Inc. in St. Louis.

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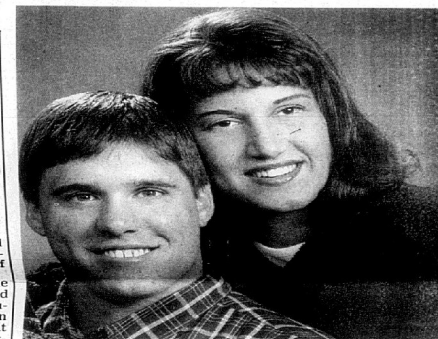
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Michelle Knox and Michael Speer

Knox — Speer

Michelle Christine Knox, the daughter of Larry and Mary Knox of Granite City, and Michael Speer, the son of Max and Chris Speer of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Knox, of Granite City, is a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1996 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She is employed by the Edwardsville School District as a special education teacher.

Speer is a 1993 graduate of Granite City Senior High School and a 1997 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He is employed by Triad School District as a science and math teacher.

They plan to marry June 20 at St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City.

BIRTHS

Jeremy Erickson

ROBERT AND DEBORAH ERICKSON of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son. Jeremy Ross was born at 12:52 p.m. Oct. 16, 1997, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Clara Popovchak of Granite City and the late William Popovchak. Irene Erickson of Kerkhoven, Minn., and the late Wilton Erickson are the paternal grandparents.

Kourtney Cicio

JERRY CICIO AND TIZ HARRIS of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter. Kourtney Mackenzie was born at 11:10 p.m. Oct. 22, 1997, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Jim and JoEllie Harris of Granite City are the maternal grandparents. The paternal grandparents are Jerry and Bev Cicio and Karen Stairs, all of Granite City.

Zachary Duffield

Bob and Tina Duffield of Pontoon Beach have announced the birth of their second child, a boy. Zachary Dillon was born at 3:10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Donna and James Chamberlain of Tennessee and John and Nancy Goodrich of Edwardsville.

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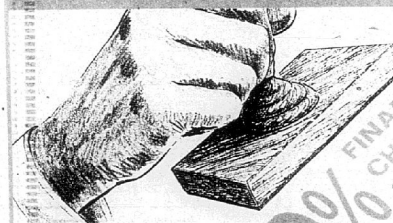
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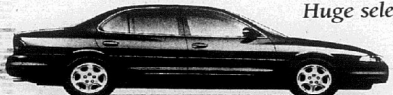
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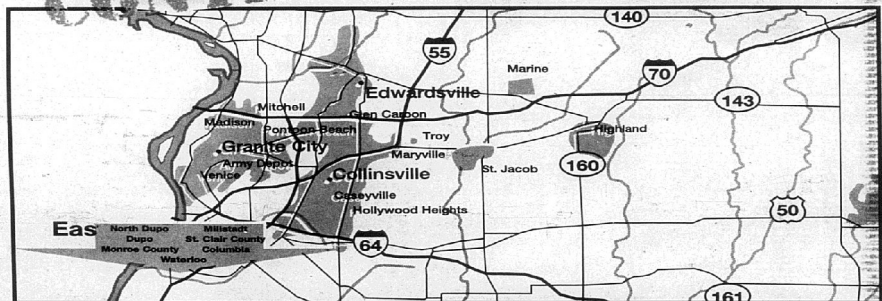
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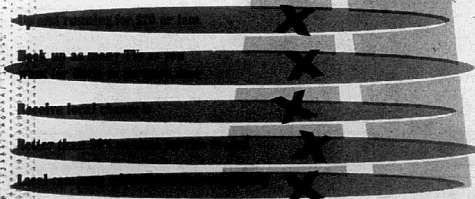
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The last sale

Farmers, antique dealers crowd stockyard auction

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

They came to buy, but many also came for one last look.

From shovels with "a little bit of the stockyards left on them" to pipes, bolts, nails and even office furniture, remnants from the St. Louis National Stockyards were sold last week at an all-day auction. Almost 200 farmers, antique dealers and others came to the stockyards in National City for the auction.

Eddie Lacey of Mount Vernon — a farmer who started coming to the stockyards in the early 1960s — was one of them.

He said he came to the auction "probably for memories as much as anything."

"I used to haul a lot of livestock here," he said. "It was nothing to come over here and sit all night to get it unloaded."

Instead of unloading livestock, he looked over piles of equipment and tools near the empty cattle pens while waiting for the auction to start.

"It's a desolate place," he said. "It's nothing like it used to be."

Lacey said he was not looking for anything in particular, but he did not expect to walk away at the end of the day empty-handed.

"I'll buy something. I'll find something I can use," he said.

Once one of the busiest stockyard operations in the world, livestock operations ceased at the stockyards in late December. The loss of meat packing and processing plants over the years, and changes in the industry itself, had caused a dramatic decrease in the numbers of livestock coming through the yards.

Instead, the company plans to open the property — more than 400 acres, including a number of abandoned or fire-damaged buildings — to commercial and industrial development.

Throughout the yards, bidders



Farmer Eddie Lacey of Mount Vernon looks over a trailer full of pipes, tools and other items to be auctioned.

looked over items, walked through abandoned stalls that still held the smell of animals and stood or leaned on rails talking.

Leroy Hamann of Freeburg was in the sheep shed looking at pipe. A cattle farmer, he was looking for equipment and remembering what it was like in the yards during his childhood.

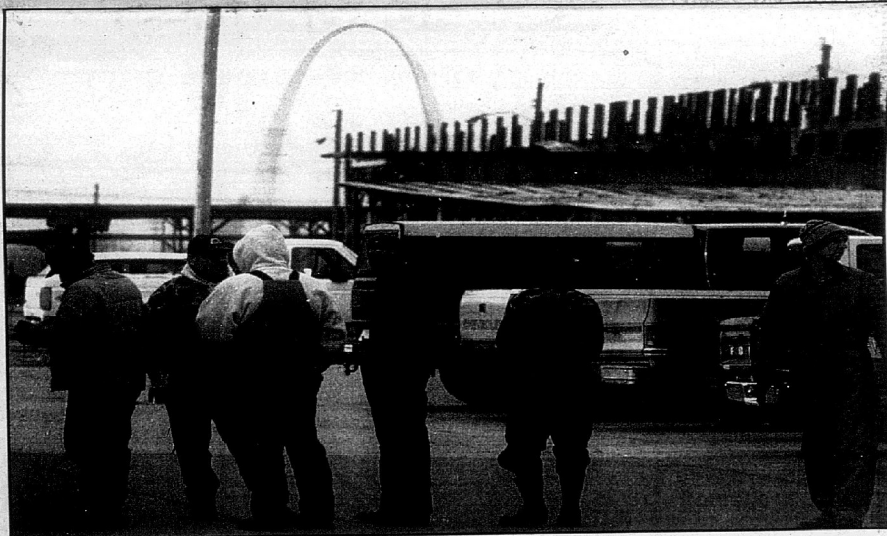
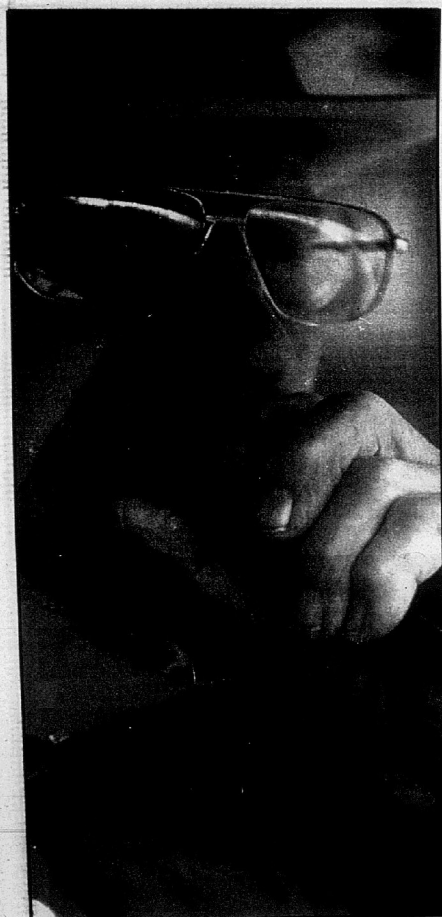
"I can remember when this was really hustle-bustle," he said. "It was just unbelievable. When I was a kid, the railroad cars used to come in and we'd load the cattle; cattle bawling all the time."

He said he remembered a ramp leading from the yards to one of the packing plants and the cattle that would go across.

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At right: Leroy Hamann of Freeburg checks out pipes and other material in the abandoned sheep pens of the St. Louis National Stockyards. Below, auctioneer Col. Edd Kueker calls out bids on items.



Above: With the Gateway Arch and the abandoned feeder pig pens in the background, farmers, antique dealers and bargain hunters line up to register during an auction at the St. Louis National Stockyards. At left: Bidders and onlookers crowd around a trailer full of merchandise during the auction.

Story, photos by
Scott Cousins

Cheryl Erickson honored as Firefighter of the Year

Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Awards Banquet Dec. 13 at the Venice Social Club in Pontoon Beach.

Among the honorees was Cheryl Erickson as Firefighter of the Year. She was Long Lake's first female senior firefighter, joining the department in May 1992. By July 1996 she was promoted to captain, making her the first and only female to hold that rank in Long Lake history.

She graduated from high school in May of 1981, in Fountain, Colo. From there she went on to join the Army in October 1981.

She graduated second in her basic training company at Ft. Dix, N.J.

After graduation from basic training she was transferred to the 9th Signal Battalion in Ft. Lewis, Wash., where she worked as a combat Photographer and Photographic Lab Technician from May 1982 to March 1984.

She was married in January 1983, and then transferred to Stuttgart, Germany in March 1984.

While in the service, she won the Army Commendation, Army Achievement and Good Conduct medals.

She left the service in October 1985 after achieving the rank of corporal.

On May 24, 1992 she fulfilled her lifelong dream: She became a firefighter.

As a member of the Long Lake Fire Department she has become Illinois State Certified Firefighter II, Illinois Certified Emergency Medical Techni-



Firefighter Cheryl Erickson

cian Intermediate level, and CPR instructor. She is currently enrolled in Firefighter III and plans to further her education beyond that.

The 55/Alive Driving Class will be held 8 a.m.-noon, Thursday, Feb. 12, and Friday, Feb. 13, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in the Milinski Room. This is another interest-

ing class and you receive a certificate for a deduction on your auto insurance.

There will be a Valentine Day Banquet Saturday in the Fellowship Hall in the Pontoon Baptist Church. Call 931-1316 for information.

Dr. Lawrence A. Shipley, 2502 Pontoon Road, conducted

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a Back Class in the classroom in his office, Monday evening, Jan. 26. He spoke on "Understanding Your Back" and "The Chiropractic Approach to Wellness."

Complimentary coupons were given out for friends to use.

A social time followed celebrating his 21 years of being a

chiropractic physician. Home-made ice cream and cake were served to Jim and Janet Simpson, Cida White, Doris

Masters, Jean McDaniels, Val Stark, Eula Hannaford, Mike and John, Bob Reed, Linda Benz, Mr. McDaniels, Margaret Perkins, Jim and Charlotte Stewart, Frank Scaglione, Brain Flowers, John and Karen Orr, Earl and Rose Edminston, Ruth Leik, Roscoe Martin, Maxine Green, Gary Boyd, Ruth Dagon, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stewart Jr. and family. Eula Hannaford's name was drawn for the television door prize.

The retreat at Pere Marquette was held on Friday, Jan. 9, with several members of Pontoon Baptist Church par-

ticipating.

Purpose of the retreat was to relax, play games, swim, eat snacks or dinner, join in the sing-along or just have a good time in fellowship. Members taking part were Marshall and Tomi Bickel and Joshua, Gary and Barbara Chaney, Dianna, Becky, Nichole and Brittany Bickel, Clint and Pauline Potter, Harold and Connie McBride, Linda and David

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SIUE enrollment rises this semester

Enrollment at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is up slightly for the spring semester with a total of 10,540 students, compared with 10,508 a year ago.

Christa Oxford, acting assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, said there was a significant increase in full-time enrollment, a 3.8 percent gain of 235 students to a total of 6,803. The increase pushed the full-time equivalent up to 7,792, a gain of 109.

Increases were recorded at the undergraduate level in all classes except seniors. The most sizable increase was in the freshman class, which gained 91 students. The number of continuing students grew by 131, reflecting a positive retention trend that began four years ago, Oxford said. She added that one of the reasons for the 69-student decline in the senior class was the unusually large number of graduates in December.

At the graduate level, the numbers of new enrollees and

re-entering students were up 15 and 14 respectively, while the total of continuing students declined 115, corresponding to a national decline in graduate

students attributed to the low unemployment rate, Oxford said. SIUE has a total of 2,404 students enrolled in graduate studies this semester.

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"I used to think as a kid I could really do that," he said, remembering the workers. "There's a lot of nostalgia."

Stockyard officials are still developing a plan for the site. In October, local business, government and economic development officials were invited to the yards for a meeting.

Plans for a relocated Highway 3, a new bridge across the Mississippi River and economic development spurred by Gateway International Raceway in Madison have brought new attention to the area.

Joe Frei, vice president of development for the stockyards, said the auction was part of the process for the development.

"What you see is what you get," he said, talking about the wide variety of equipment being offered. "It's pens, feeders, stuff on the trailers, equipment and tools, just a variety of things."

"If it's not for sale and people are interested, they can ask us and we'll probably say 'yes,'" he said.

The auction started at about 10 a.m. near the cattle pens, with two trailers of items — ranging from boxes and bags of bolts and nails to shovels and rakes.

After everything there was sold, it moved into the offices and then to various locations throughout the yards.

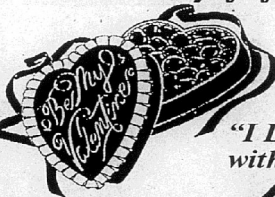
Tom Christiansen of Collinsville was one of the lucky bidders.

"I just bought some plastic valves," he said. "I paid three dollars for them."

Christiansen operates a "small" farm, and said he came down to see the yards before they are gone.

"I used to bring animals down here, so I thought I'd come down and see what they had going on," he said. "It's not too nice when you used to come down here three times a week. There was a lot of animals, a lot of people. I'm sorry to see it close."

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Nursing home tax up to voters

Question of funding for home will be on March 17 primary ballot

By Paul Mackie
Telegraph staff writer

The basic questions for voters on the March 17 primary ballot will be:

Do they think Madison County should provide a combined nursing and shelter-care home for needy people, and do they want to use tax dollars for it?

The obvious next question is: How much will it cost in taxes?
The answer to that is: Not too much — less than \$15 a year for the owner of an average-price home in the county, according to calculations.

Madison County Director of Administration James Monday provides the following analysis of the situation:

Taxes are based on real estate value. The average market value of a home in Madison County is \$60,000, which means the home would be assessed at \$20,000.

The nursing home proposal calls for a maximum tax increase of 5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, or \$9.01 per year for someone living in a home that's assessed at \$20,000. Those taxes would go to operating expenses.

Madison County is proposing to combine its

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antiquated nursing home and shelter-care home into a single new facility. General obligation bonds would have to be issued by the county, which would cost the taxpayer cited in the example above \$5.41 annually, based on the current bond rate.

All this means that the total amount of taxes paid annually by a taxpayer whose home is assessed at \$20,000 will be a maximum \$24.42, or less.

Taxpayers with homes assessed at \$20,000 currently pay \$10 a year for the nursing home-shelter care tax.

In 1986, the tax originally was authorized at 2.5 cents. That same year, there was a proposal on the ballot to issue bonds to build another facility, but it was defeated.

In 1988, the Madison County Board authorized a referendum for an increase to 5 cents annually.

There has not been a tax increase since. The tax increase proposal on this year's ballot will be a maximum of 5 cents, but probably will be more like 2 or 3 cents, Monday said.

"We're asking for the ability to raise the tax up to 10 cents. That doesn't necessarily mean it will automatically (increase) to 10 cents," he added.

Monday said the alternatives for the county are grim. The homes either would close immediately or operate until the Madison County Nursing Home reserve of \$2.4 million is dried up, and then would close.

Under the latter scenario, the reserve would pay the 143 employees at the two homes about \$800,000 in accrued vacation and compensation time and about \$1 million in unemployment insurance to the state. The remaining \$600,000 would go to operating expenses and wouldn't last long.

"As soon as it's announced that we're going to close, our revenue will drop because the people living there will decrease. We would have to use the reserve for the (remaining) staff," Monday said.

"Now, we have two multi-story facilities. (If the tax increase passes,) we'd have a single-story combined facility. That would allow us to cut staff cost and provide Medicare services we can't provide now because we don't meet the existing standards."

Youth input sought at drug abuse forum

By Dennis Grubaugh
Telegraph staff writer

Young people wanting a voice in state laws dealing with substance abuse are being urged to attend a forum at SIUE.

The second Madison County Youth Forum will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 17 in the University Center.

The theme of the session will be how alcohol affects lives, families and communities, but a wide range of related topics will be addressed.

"Risky behaviors are all connected," said Jean Schram, director of the locally based Piassa Prevention, the substance abuse prevention division of Chestnut Health Systems.

"This forum gives kids the opportunity to be involved in a community decision-making process. Some of the things that kids identify as being problems... are really important to long-term solutions."

Piassa is among the planners of the program.

During the winter months, similar forums are conducted across the state. Some of the representatives at those forums will then attend a statewide youth forum April 27 in Springfield.



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